

work, (unless he was prevented by sickness of himself or family, if a free person, or if a slave, that such slave was unable to work) or appearing, refused or neglected to perform reasonable labor, and has not furnished a substitute or paid the supervisor, his agent or deputy, the sum of seventy-five cents as aforesaid, for every day he failed to appear and labor as aforesaid, the justice may fine every such delinquent, or if a slave, the master, owner or employer of such slave, the sum of seventy-five cents for each day's delinquency, and shall order the person fined to stand committed until the fines and fees are paid.

172. In all such prosecutions the supervisors shall be competent witnesses for the State.

173. In all cases in which fines may be imposed under this law, any person feeling himself aggrieved may appeal to the Circuit Court as in other cases; *Provided*, he shall, within five days, enter into bond with good security, in the penalty of twenty dollars, to prosecute his appeal with effect.

174. The supervisors shall receive and annually account to the county commissioners of Dorchester county for the fines imposed under this law, to be expended under the directions of the commissioners in the repair of the public roads.

175. It shall be lawful for any citizen of Dorchester county to erect and keep on the public road leading through Meekins' Neck to the head of Hungar River, two gates, one at Poplar Neck, near John Tubman's store house, and the other at a place called Great Marsh Bridge, upon the conditions following:

176. Every owner of a gate kept on the public roads shall have the same hung on good and sufficient iron hinges, and shall keep the same and that part of the road on which they are erected, and which is occupied thereby, (but not the whole road between such gates,) in good order and repair.

177. He shall pay annually a tax of one dollar for each gate kept by him.

178. He shall transmit, on or before the first day of April, annually, to the clerk of the county commissioners, a statement, under his hand and seal, of the number of gates owned and kept on any public road by him, and the clerk shall keep a list of the